

### General Information

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### Background

Taylor Creek is located near the south end of Lake Washington in southeast Seattle. The creek originates in unincorporated King County and passes through a natural area ravine within Lakeridge Park known as Deadhorse Canyon. Taylor Creek passes through residential yards and a culvert under Rainier Ave S before discharging into Lake Washington. The condition of the public culvert under Rainier Ave S, along with other barriers in the creek, prevents fish passage upstream to good quality habitat in Deadhorse Canyon. The lower stream is also confined in a small channel that produces poor habitat conditions and occasionally floods.

Between 2010 and 2012, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) began developing stream improvement concepts and discussing those concepts with the community. Questions were raised during this early community engagement about the use of the site in the future and the potential for negative neighborhood impacts if the site became publicly accessible. In 2013 SPU, in partnership with Seattle Parks and Recreation (Parks), undertook a collaborative process with the community to evaluate future public access at the site. Learn more about the public access options analysis on the [project website](#). SPU is currently in the Preliminary Engineering phase – developing high-level design concepts and alternatives, assembling cost estimates for each alternative, performing additional studies including traffic analysis, and determining which potential alternatives are feasible from an engineering perspective. Preliminary engineering is expected to be completed in mid - 2015.

### Project Scope

- A) Restores stream channel and salmon habitat on SPU property east of Rainier Ave S.
- B) Dredge Lake Washington shoreline where delta has formed at the mouth of Lake Washington
- C) Install a new fish passage culvert under Rainier Ave S. and provide stream improvements east of 10028 68th Ave S.

### Contracting Opportunities

The consultant contract opportunity will be announced on <http://consultants.seattle.gov/>. The construction contract opportunity will be advertised on <http://www.seattle.gov/contracting/construction.htm>

Schedule	Target Date
Consultant Advertisement	March 10, 2014
Construction Advertisement	1Q 2017

## Lower Taylor Creek Restoration

### Project Site

This is an aerial photograph of the lower Taylor Creek and the potential restoration actions that could occur in the area to improve stream habitat, utility infrastructure, and fish passage.

